

CHIEF, SPECIAL REPORTS DIVISION

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ORE Suggestions Concerning FBIB Special Reports

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In response to a query by the Deputy Assistant Director for Operations, [] Chief of the Coordinating and Planning Section of ORE, telephoned me on the afternoon of 22 October 1947 to make the following constructive criticism of our recent special report on communist tactics in France and Italy.

This particular report was timely and was considered a good, special study in that it combined all of the information from a single source on a single subject into one volume. It was felt, however, that this report was too bulky for use by researchers on a daily basis and that reports of this nature are more valuable for studies of longer range to indicate trends, etc.

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[] suggested that reports of this nature in the future be condensed and summarized rather than quoting in full text. He feels that this can be done by FBIB without entering the field of interpretation. [] also suggested that what would be most helpful in these reports would be a brief summary with attached supplements, cross-references, etc. to support each conclusion made in the summary. Obviously, this would entail considerable work and it is questionable whether we can do it with our present limited staff. He concedes that this sort of arrangement is more or less a luxury for ORE.

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In general, he felt that the preparation of this type of report is rather a luxury for ORE unless it is prompted by the specific desires of ORE in connection with their work on a specific project, and in this connection, he suggests that we maintain closer liaison with ORE prior to the publication of special reports in an effort to obtain the maximum results from our efforts.

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